



ERP PSP Selection Panel Recommendations

The Selection Panel for the 2010-11 Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) met on June 7 and 8, 2011 to discuss the scientific merit and relevance to ERP priorities of eligible proposals and to make initial funding recommendations to be considered by the Director of the Department of Fish and Game. The Selection Panel was comprised of ERP Implementing Agency representatives and representatives from other State and federal agencies that work closely with the ERP (see attached list) including the Delta Science Program and the Interagency Ecological Program.

In December 2010, the ERP released the PSP requesting proposals focused on the following priorities: 1) Restoration projects that restore or enhance aquatic habitat in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh and Bay; 2) Research that tests hypotheses identified in the Delta Regional Ecosystem Restoration Implementation Plan (DRERIP) evaluation of the BDCP conservation measures or the National Research Council OCAP Biological Opinion review or uncertainties associated with either activity; and 3) Projects that (a) construct facilities to control waste discharges that contribute to low dissolved oxygen and other water quality problems in the lower San Joaquin River and south Delta or (b) construct facilities to control drainage from abandoned mines that adversely affect water quality in the Bay-Delta. Thirty-one proposals were received.

The Selection Panel recommended funding 16 projects for approximately \$15.25 million dollars. Approximately 30% of the award is for on the ground restoration/remediation projects (see attached list). The proposals will be funded from multiple bond sources including Propositions 13, 84, and 204.

ERP staff intends to follow the schedule below for Director approval and inter-agency coordination:

- June 13: Discuss Selection Panel recommendations and schedule for final recommendations with Director
- June 15-17: Send letter to Delta Conservancy
- June 15-17: Begin period for public comment on recommendations from Selection Panel
- June 23-24: Inform Delta Stewardship Council about process and projects at meeting
- June 27: Discuss any comments received from public with ERPIAMs
- June 29: Determine any changes to Selection Panel recommendations; Director finalizes recommendations. Announce projects that will be funded.
- June 30: Award letters go out
- July 2011: Request projects get on State Treasurer's Eligible Project List
- July 2011: Begin writing grants

Questions on the ERP PSP should be directed to Carol Atkins (916-445-0074).